

Bacon Studio in Springfield, Missouri. The hope is to show the exhibition regionally and ultimately to a national audience.

Harmony House was founded in 1976 and has since become the largest domestic violence shelter in Missouri, with 168 beds available. In that time, they have served more than 20,000 women, men and children who are victims of domestic violence. Their work in establishing a domestic violence hotline means that victims have access to resources for stopping abuse. Their goal is to provide temporary shelter to victims of domestic violence while providing resources to them on breaking the cycle.

Madam Speaker, Harmony House has spent the last 45 years fighting domestic violence and Standing Together is just the latest example of their important work in educating the community about this ever-present issue. I commend the hard work they are doing, and wish them all the best in their continued efforts.

MOURNING THE PASSING OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN DENNIS MOORE

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Madam Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise today to honor the memory of former Congressman Dennis Moore, who passed away November 2, 2021 at the age of 75. His long career in public service has left an extraordinary legacy that inspired many, including myself. My heart is with his family, his friends, and the community that he leaves behind.

As we mourn his loss, I'm reminded of the first time I met the Moores in person. I brought with me the pocket U.S. Constitution that I had carried with me all through law school—a pocket Constitution with an official label from the Office of Congressman Dennis Moore. After a good laugh about how on Earth I had managed to hold on to it all those years, he offered to sign my copy and gave me advice on my campaign. For his humor, his thoughtfulness, his dedication to public service (and his guitar playing skills), he will be missed.

Dennis was born in Anthony, Kansas on November 8, 1945 and he attended high school in Wichita. He continued his education in Kansas and received his bachelors' degree in Law at the University of Kansas and was awarded his J.D. from the Washburn University School of Law.

Even before serving as Congressman, Dennis demonstrated a lifelong commitment to service at a local and national level. He was a captain in the United States Army intelligence corps and served in the United States Army Reserve from 1970 to 1973. He also served as Johnson County District Attorney for over a decade. While he was District Attorney, he never lost a jury trial he argued and was instrumental in the founding of SafeHome, a refuge for battered women. In the late 90s, Dennis was elected to the Board of Trustees of Johnson County Community College.

In 1998, after more than two decades of service in other roles, Dennis threw his hat in the ring to serve the Third District of Kansas

in Congress. Although the Third District had not elected a Democrat for over 40 years before that, Dennis won the election against a Republican incumbent with over 52 percent of the vote. Then he won again in 2000, becoming the first Democrat since 1914 to win reelection in the Third District of Kansas. For over a decade, Dennis served in Congress, known for civility and a strong presence in the communities he served. He retired from Congress in 2011 after completing his sixth term.

Dennis served as a Member of Congress during a uniquely fraught period between 1999 and 2011, during which Congress worked to respond to difficult national traumas such as the financial crisis of 2008. Even as Congress and the nation became increasingly polarized during this period, Dennis prioritized civility and bipartisanship to find solutions that would help average Americans. As Chair of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee on the House Financial Services Committee, Dennis held hearings on the impact of the 2008 financial crisis across the country. He also helped to produce the final version of the Dodd-Frank Act of 2010 to respond to the financial crisis and to help America recover.

Dennis had a traditional, common-sense approach to politics and worked hard to build consensus both within his party and across the aisle. When he first took office, Dennis was a member of a bipartisan group called the Center Aisle Caucus where Republicans and Democrats would come together at least once a month to improve cooperation and communication between the two parties. Within his party, he was a proud member of both the Blue Dog Coalition and the New Democrat Coalition, both of which focused on fiscal responsibility and promoting economic growth. Even though he was a pillar of centrism in Congress, he was never afraid to stand up for his values such as supporting women's reproductive rights and championing environmental activism at a time when climate denial was high.

During his tenure as Representative, Dennis sought common-sense solutions on a number of issues that impacted his constituents. These issues included but were not limited to delivering tax relief for middle class families, addressing global warming, and investing in local needs such as transportation, flood control infrastructure, and social services. Among his many accomplishments in Congress, Dennis said that he was most proud of leading successful efforts to improve benefits for our military during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

After leaving Capitol Hill in 2012, Dennis continued to work as an advocate for causes close to his heart, such as increased funding for Alzheimer's research, education, and support. He came back to the Hill in 2014 to provide personal testimony on the burden that Alzheimer's can place on the health care system, families, and the federal budget. In that hearing, Dennis expressed a belief in a Congress that could come together and solve problems. "I really think we need to find those areas where we can and should find agreement," he said. "Good people on both sides work together, and there truly are good people on both sides." His optimism, practicality, and hope for bipartisanship were all trademarks of the leader that he was.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of former Congressman Dennis Moore.

Dennis was a dedicated, gracious, and principled leader who will be remembered for his service to the Third District and the state of Kansas. To say he left big shoes to fill is an understatement—he leaves a legacy of fighting tirelessly for what is good and right and decent for the people he represented.

RECOGNIZING ADRIAN KINSELLA

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Adrian Kinsella and his family for their ongoing commitment to our Afghan allies. Adrian has been on the actual and proverbial front lines of this fight for over a decade, first as a Marine, then as a friend.

While deployed with the Marine Corps in Afghanistan, Adrian met and worked with a man named Mohammad, who was serving as his platoon's translator. They quickly gained a mutual respect for each other, which evolved into a friendship. When Adrian came home from Afghanistan, he knew that Mohammad's service with United States forces made him a target for violence, and his family had already suffered disastrous consequences.

To protect Mohammad, Adrian wanted Mohammad to immigrate to the United States. With Adrian's help, Mohammad arrived in 2014. Adrian then turned his attention to Mohammad's family and focused on them until they were safe as well. He did all of this while continuing his service in the Marine Corps, attending law school at University of California, Berkeley, and serving as a Judge Advocate General before returning to Berkeley for his LL.M. Adrian worked from the halls of his law school, to the non-profit group International Refugee Assistance Project, and even the set of John Oliver's TV show to try to raise awareness about the plight of our Afghan allies and their families. He's been a reliable resource for my team and me, most recently participating in a roundtable I hosted to gather information about what the community was experiencing as the situation in Afghanistan unfolded. He also coordinated with other veterans, strategizing ways to get our allies out and to safety.

Now, as he serves as an Assistant United States Attorney, he, his wife Kate, an Army veteran herself and their daughter all continue working to serve our Afghan allies arriving in the United States. They're frequently waiting at their local airport with welcome signs for newly arriving families. They also collect and deliver household items that these families need to start their new lives comfortably in the United States.

Adrian and Kate are truly the best of us. They stepped up to serve in our military when we needed them, and they continue to give back to our allies who assisted in those fights. They are constantly finding ways to serve our country and their community, and I am grateful.